

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month -

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, 29 Acorn Avenue —
Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, 23 Acorn Avenue —
Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, 4 Otter Close —
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, 30 Otter Gardens. —

Bar Hill Fete

The Fete will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, the 1st of September. The various activities will be centred on the School, by kind permission of the Headmaster. If the weather is fine, most activities will be held in the open air, but in the event of rain almost everything will continue under cover.

The Fete itself will be in the afternoon, from 2 to 6 p.m. In the evening a Barbecue and Dance will be held in the region of the School, and once again, it will be indoors if the weather is bad. A portion of barbecued supper is included in the price (10/-) of the ticket. Dancing will be to the "Hot Ice" group and the "Tom Collins Discotheque". A Grand Draw is being held, the results of which will be announced at the end of the Fete; the Star Prize is a weekend for two in Paris.

Various attractions, displays and demonstrations have been arranged, and any offers, contacts, or suggestions for further attractions would be very gratefully received by the Fete Committee. (They may be sent to 45 Acorn Avenue, or any member of the Fete Committee, as soon as possible, please.)

There will be a Baby Show and a Children's Fancy Dress Competition, for which most of the entries are expected to come from Bar Hill. It is also hoped that a Handicrafts Exhibition and Sale will be held, if there are sufficient entries. Handicrafts of all kinds are invited: for example, needlework, knitting, dressmaking, carpentry, metal-work, model-making, photography, drawing, painting, bookbinding, toy-making, home-made wine, home-brewed beer, garden produce and cookery, to name but a few. If the exhibitor wishes, any item may be offered for sale, at a 20% commission; otherwise exhibits will remain the property of the exhibitor. Entries from Bar Hill only.

Many groups in the Village will be helping to make the Fete a success, and during the month of August, the Committee will be asking round the Village for help before, during and after the event. The Fete will be well advertised outside the Village, and we are hoping for a large attendance. With the co-operation of everyone available in Bar Hill, we are confident that the Fete and Barbecue will be an outstanding success, and that a large amount of money will be raised towards the provision of Village amenities. Please Note:

Entry forms for the Baby Show, Fancy Dress Competition, and Handicrafts Exhibition are to be found at the end of this Newsletter. Further copies of the entry forms can be obtained from 45 Acorn Avenue.

Draw Tickets: please help us to sell as many of these tickets as possible, both inside and outside the Village. Books of 5 tickets (selling at 1/- per ticket) are now obtainable from 45 Acorn Avenue. Cash, counterfoils and any unsold tickets should be returned to the same address not later than Saturday, 30th August, please.

Car stickers: a limited number of eye-catching car stickers, advertising the Fete, are still available, again from 45 Acorn Avenue.

Bar Hill Residents Association

General Meeting of the BHRA, 25th July 1969

I had not before been in the audience at a BHRA General Meeting, and I went to the recent "special", hoping to join in the fun of a good old-fashioned "points of order" ding-dong get-together to alter the Rules; and I thought to go back home when that was done - which only goes to show how wrong you can be.

Apart from some quite courteous exchanges between the floor - or one corner of it - and the chair, all the Rules changes were adopted without demur, almost with acclaim in places, certainly nem. con., and subject only to the veriest procedural tidying-up in places. To the outsider this might have seemed evidence of a malaise within the movement, of the apathy bred from content, the sleepy acquiescence of the body surfeited with the benisons of Bar Hill.

Far from it! Hidden in the last Agenda item, "Any Other Business", lies the meat, it seems, of all BHRA General Meetings: IN WRITING BEFORE THE MEETING - of course! it always is! But have you ever played the game of "Associations"? (egg; bacon; pig; pork; lamb; sheep . . .) - because most of the people at this meeting were determined to play it again; and somehow, from a written notice asking for information about the Parish Council, the BHRA and(I think, but it did get confused) the Trust, we got on to: dogs, dirty and dangerous; cats as bad; good neighbours; dead and dying trees; and at one point, the differing demands of those who do, and those who do not, feel as strongly for the Church in Bar Hill as does the writer. And this is the fun and the pleasure you get from our General Meetings - although the absence of some of the longer-established stirrer-uppers left a feeling of tameness, there were the makings of an up-and-downer, which did not develop.

Meat of a confused meeting was a plaintive and justified request for evidence of the doings of, and indeed the need for, both the BHRA and the Parish Council: John Wills, the Newsletter Editor, will try to put this right for those who missed an earlier edition dealing with this very matter. Developments following on the activities of both bodies should soon become news, and this may present a further opportunity to look again at the need we all have to keep alive our interest in, and support for, both the Association and the Parish.

F.R.A.

New Rules

Certain of the rules of the Residents Association were changed at the General Meeting of the Residents Association at the School on 25th July. A copy of the rules will be distributed next month, and will also be given to new residents arriving in the Village.

Meeting with Bar Hill Developments

Mr. Dear, a Director of Bar Hill Developments, has agreed to address a general meeting of the Residents Association at the School on Monday, 29th September 1969. All residents will be very welcome to come and hear about Bar Hill Developments' plans for the future of the Village.

Bar Hill Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, 23rd July 1969:

- (1) Mr. Lakin was nominated to represent Bar Hill on the Board of Governors of Swavesey Village College.
- (2) To co-ordinate the activities of the Parish Council and the Residents Association, the Chairmen of the Parish Council and of the BHRA Committee have agreed to 'sit in' on each other's meetings.
- (3) Bar Hill Developments have sent a detailed reply to the Parish Council's letter enclosing photographs of outstanding work in the Village. The Developers have agreed, in general, to put right the matters raised by the Council in their letter.
- (4) Bar Hill Developments have agreed to alleviate the drainage difficulties on the Bridle Path to Dry Drayton in the very near future.
- (5) Mr. Martindale, Secretary of the Community Council, and Mr. Palmer, ex-Clerk to the Girton Parish Council, attended the meeting and were most helpful in explaining what could most effectively be done by the Parish Council.
- (6) The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 24th September.

Living in Bar Hill, far from the madding crowd, and using roads as yet unadopted and therefore not public in the sense of "repairable at public expense", one tends to develop a false sense of security from the consequences of breaking laws one was careful not to infringe in one's previously more open environment.

In fact, for most matters under, for example, the Road Traffic Acts and Regulations made thereunder, what you do wrong on Bar Hill's private roads is just as wrong and actionable as if you did it on A604 - and this is because our roads are roads to which "the public have access", a question which cannot be disputed when all and sundry are free to come and go and are, indeed, invited to visit, to buy houses, to shop, and so on: there are no "Private road" or "Trespassers" or "Enter at your own risk" notices.

Unlicensed use or keeping of a vehicle falls to be considered only on a road maintained at public expense under the terms of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962, but uninsured, untested, in unsafe or dangerous condition vehicles, or unlit vehicles kept or used on the road can be dealt with under Road Traffic law. This is an entirely different question, and you and your guests and invitees should have a special care in matters of careless, inconsiderate, reckless and dangerous driving.

Children here tend to feel over-secure against traffic hazards, so, if not because you have the sense of responsibility that dictates careful and considerate driving, but only because you fear, as you most certainly should fear, the consequences of clottish excess, drive with care and at a reasonable speed and tell your guests and employees to do the same.

Also on children, in particular, we should consider whether teenagers should not be exhorted (at least) to keep their bikes on the roads and off the paths, to avoid the risk of the legal consequences of over-exuberant cycling.

We should all remember, parents and dog-owners alike, that a dog that bites is a dog that may savage a toddler; that dogs, perhaps like some football fans, in packs and gangs need only a defenceless and unresisting target to stimulate a serious attack; and the owner of a dog not kept under proper control can be prosecuted and heavily fined. Every dog over six months old should be licensed, too! Dangerous dogs and unlicensed dogs are dogs within and subject to the law on your own premises.

M.B.O.

Regular Events

Certain meetings are held in the Village at the same time and place every week or month, and it seems unnecessary to repeat this information in each Newsletter. Instead, it is proposed to produce a sheet giving details of these regular activities, which can be kept for reference; we hope to issue this initially as part of the September Newsletter, and in revised form at intervals thereafter. This sheet will also be given to new residents arriving in the Village.

Items for inclusion in this sheet should be sent - as soon as possible, please - to 45 Acorn Avenue.

We shall, of course, continue to announce details of subjects and speakers for particular meetings, as requested by the organisers.

Bar Hill Diary

As the number of activities being organised in the Village increases, it is clear that there is a danger of dates clashing. By keeping one central diary (which could be published at the beginning of each month in the Newsletter), the BHRA could well act as a co-ordinating body to prevent such clashes. The Committee will try to arrange this, and details will be published in the September Newsletter.

Evening Classes in Bar Hill

Evening classes, organised by Swavesey Village College, and held in the Bar Hill school, will be starting in September; full details will be given in next month's Newsletter. Subjects include: Art; Fencing; Ladies' Keep Fit; Camera Club; Drama; Badminton; Wine Appreciation; Car Maintenance; Mainly for Women.

Accommodation Needed

Accommodation is needed for people working at Cambridge Consultants. Will anyone who is able to help please contact Rodney Dale, 16 Almond Grove.

Table Tennis Club

At the recent Hobbies Evening there was a promising response to the idea of forming a table tennis club, and there will be a meeting to discuss details for everyone who is interested at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd September, at 34 Acorn Avenue.

L. Downey

Sixpenny Club

The Sixpenny Club would like to thank everyone who gave their support to the Concert recently, and hope the audience enjoyed it as much as those taking part. The Concert raised the sum of £9 17s. Od., which is being used to buy more equipment for the Club.

D. A. Wilkins

Bar Hill Church Centre - Newcomers

Working parties will be held at the following homes on Monday evenings at 8 o'clock; further details can be obtained from Mrs. White.

4th August: Margaret White, 35 Acorn Avenue
 11th August: Pam Lakin, 22 Almond Grove
 18th August: Kay Briggs, 3 Gladeside
 25th August: Pearl Sulman, 5 Otter Close.

National Savings

Monthly totals: June £67 6s. Od.; July £76 2s. Od.

Women's Institute

There will be no meeting this month.

Swimming at Swavesey Village College

The Village College pool is open at the following times:

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| Tuesday | 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (during College holidays only) |
| Thursday | 4.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. |
| Friday | 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. |

Conditions for use of the pool:

Family membership (covering parents and school-children only) costs 15s. per year. Individual membership costs 7/6 per year for adults, and 5s. for juniors. (At present there are still vacancies for members, but it is possible that these vacancies will be filled before long.) Membership cards must be produced to obtain entry, otherwise members are liable to pay Visitors' fees:

| | Swimming | Spectators |
|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| <u>Visitors</u> (Adults | 2s. | 1s. |
| (Schoolchildren | 1s. | 6d. |

Application forms for membership may be obtained from the College and the pool supervisors. Please note that, to conform with insurance regulations, No schoolchildren can be allowed entry unless accompanied by their parent. In special circumstances the Warden or Adult Tutor will give WRITTEN permission for close relatives or friends to accompany children, where parents are unable to do so.

Dry Drayton Horticultural Show and Gymkhana

A reminder that this Annual Show will be held on Saturday, 2nd August at Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton, beginning at 1 p.m.

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BAR HILL FETE 1969 - Handicrafts Exhibition

Please return this form to E. J. Wills, 45 Acorn Avenue, by Saturday, 30th August

Name.....Address.....

I wish to enter the following exhibits:

£ s. d.

..... To be sold? YES/NO * Price

..... To be sold? YES/NO * Price

..... To be sold? YES/NO * Price

..... To be sold? YES/NO * Price

* Please delete as applicable

You are asked to bring entries to the School on the morning of Monday, 1st September, between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. They will be received by a helper, and if you wish your entry to be sold, it will be marked in your presence with your price; it will be sold only at the price you ask. 20% of the selling price is to be donated to the Fete. You are asked to collect your exhibit, or the money received for it, between 5 and 6.30 p.m. on the day of the Fete.

I agree to the above conditions. Signed

BAR HILL FETE 1969 - Baby Show

Please return this form to Mrs. D. Fromant, 15 Almond Grove, by Saturday, 30th August

Name Address

I wish to enter my baby (Name)

(Date of Birth)

The judging will begin at 3 p.m. A list of entries will be posted by 2.30 p.m., showing the order of judging.

Signature

BAR HILL FETE 1969 - Children's Fancy Dress Competition

Please return this form to Mrs. W. Willows, 24 Almond Close, by Saturday, 30th August

Name Address

I should like to enter (Name) (Age)

for the Competition, as (Title)

The competition will be judged at the opening of the Fete at 2.0 p.m. Children are requested to be available at 1.45 p.m. at the School.

Signature